

Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of Three Men- Dover

Dover, DE- Delaware State Police conducted a traffic stop Thursday afternoon that lead to the arrest of three men on criminal charges.

On August 26, 2021, at approximately 2:12 p.m., troopers conducted a traffic stop on a gold Mercedes Benz on South DuPont Highway in the area of Walnut Shade Road. A computer inquiry revealed the owner and operator of the vehicle, **Christopher R. Jones, 32, of Dover**, was driving with a suspended license and had a capias for Failing to Appear in the Justice of the Peace Court. Contact was made with Jones, and frontseat passenger, **Jared A. Hopkins, 24, of Seaford**, and backseat passenger, **Monte D. Murray, 32, of Seaford**. A strong odor of marijuana was detected coming from the vehicle and a criminal investigation ensued. All men were removed from the vehicle and a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. Located in the vehicle were the following items:

- Approximately 120.4 grams of marijuana
- Drug paraphernalia
- \$2,000 in suspected drug proceeds
- 1- Smith & Wesson .40 caliber handgun with 7 rounds of ammunition

The men were taken into custody without incident and transported to Delaware State Police Troop 3. They were charged with the following crimes:



Christopher R. Jones

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance

(Felony)

- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving While Suspended
- Failure to Have Insurance Identification in Possession

Jones was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on a \$6,400.00 unsecured bond.



Jared A. Hopkins

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Hopkins was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released after posting a \$25,200.00 secured bond.



Monte D. Murray

- Possession With Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Felony)
- Conspiracy Second Degree (Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Murray was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court #2 and released on his own recognizance.

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